

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/632,441

Examiner

Alfred Basichas

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 08/02/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

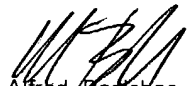
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, 4th line, the term --said-- has been inserted between the terms "from" and "storage."

Claim 1, 5th line, the term "characterized by" has been replaced with the term --and--.

Claim 2, 1st line, the term "characterized in that" has been replaced with the term --wherein--.

Claim 3, 1st line, the term "characterized in that" has been replaced with the term --wherein--.

Claim 4, 1st line, the term "characterized in that it further comprises" has been replaced with the term --further comprising--.

Claim 5, 1st line, the term "characterized in that" has been replaced with the term --wherein--.

Claim 5, 2nd line, the term "it" has been replaced with the term --its--.

Claim 6, 1st line, the term "characterized in that" has been replaced with the term --wherein--.

Claim 7, 1st line, the term "characterized in that" has been replaced with the term --wherein--.

Claim 8, 1st line, the term "characterized in that" has been replaced with the term --wherein--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant claims, among other things, a windproof lighter including a lighter housing, a gas container for storing liquid inflammable gas, a storage with an inlet valve and an outlet valve, an outlet lever for control of gas supply from the storage, a windproof jet means connected to a gas passage of said storage and an igniter assembly, and further including a supporting seat on said lighter housing for connecting windproof jet means, a bracket dismountably provided in or above said lighter housing and said supporting seat, wherein said bracket has one side sleeved onto said supporting seat or connected to said windproof jet means while the

other side provided with an igniter assembly, and when said bracket is dismantled, said windproof jet means partially protrudes over said supporting seat, so that said windproof jet means may be dismantably mounted with said supporting seat.

It should be noted that the term "**means**" as used in the claims was not interpreted as a means-plus-function clause, under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. The term has simply been read as "component", "part", "member", etc.

It should be further noted that the term "**dismountably**" has been interpreted as being removable without damage. No objection was raised to the term, as applicant may be his/her own lexicographer.

The prior art of record, taken alone or in combination therewith, does not disclose nor make obvious the invention as claimed by applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Basichas whose telephone number is 703 306

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3476. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on 703 308 1935. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 872 9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 0861.

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